Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) <u>Apparatus for</u> ~~In~~ a communication network having at least a mobile node and a home node, the home node having a configured desktop email manager capable of automatically effectuating a plurality of different dispositions for different email messages received at the home node, according to how the home-node desktop email manager is configured, <u>said apparatus</u> ~~a system~~ for reconfiguring the home-node desktop email manager from the mobile node, said system comprising:

a configuration status request message generator selectably coupled to the communication network and configured for selectably generating <u>a</u> status summary <u>request</u> ~~requests~~ for transmission to the home node in order to determine the current configuration of the desktop email manager;

<u>a receiver configured to receive a configuration status summary of the current configuration of the desktop email manager;</u>

a reconfiguration message generator selectably coupled to the communication network for generating a reconfiguration message for reconfiguring the desktop email manager, ~~regardless of whether a configuration status summary request message has been generated; and~~ <u>to cause reconfiguration of effectuation of disposition of the email messages responsive to the reconfiguration message.</u>

~~a home-node reconfiguration message processor coupled to the desktop email manager and selectively coupled to the communication network, the home-node reconfiguration message processor arranged to determine whether changes identified in the reconfiguration message are logically inconsistent with the current desktop email manager settings, and to~~

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~~change the desktop email manager configuration according to the reconfiguration message~~
~~when it is received from the mobile node;~~

~~whereby a first type email message received at the home node from the~~
~~communication network is automatically provided a first type of disposition prior to receipt of~~
~~the reconfiguration message and provided a second type disposition after receipt of the~~
~~reconfiguration message, email messages being unchanged by dispositions.~~

2.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim <u>26</u> ~~1~~, further comprising a home-node
message generator for generating <u>a mobile-node-terminated</u> reconfiguration confirmation
<u>message.</u> ~~messages for transmitting to the mobile node.~~

3.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim <u>1</u> ~~2~~, wherein <u>the</u> ~~a~~ disposition is
comprised of at least one of: filtering an email message; deleting an email message, replying
to an email message; and forwarding an email message[[;]]<u>.</u>

4.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim <u>2</u> ~~3~~, wherein the home-node message
generator is operable to generate a <u>mobile-node-terminated</u> message ~~for transmission to the~~
~~mobile station~~ indicating whether changes requested in the reconfiguration message can be
made.

5. – 6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the communication network is a cellular
communication network.

8.   (Cancelled)

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9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the reconfiguration message generator is resident in the mobile node.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the mobile node includes an organizer database that may be synchronized with a home-node organizer database over the communication network, and wherein the reconfiguration message is transmitted with the organizer synchronization data.

11. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for reconfiguring a home-node desktop email manager through a communication network, the home-node desktop email manager being capable of automatically effectuating a plurality of different dispositions for different email messages received at the home node, according to how the home-node desktop email manager is configured, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

providing a mobile node operable to communicate in the communication network, the mobile node comprising a memory device operable to store a current configuration status summary included in a confirmation message, if any, from the home node subsequent to a reconfiguration;

transmitting to the mobile node a configuration status message ~~only~~ if a configuration status summary request message has been received;

generating a reconfiguration message <u>to request initiation of reconfiguration of disposition of the email messages</u>~~for reconfiguring the desktop email manager~~;

transmitting the reconfiguration message to the home node via the communication network;

determining at the home node whether changes identified in the reconfiguration message are logically inconsistent with the current desktop email manager settings; and

selectably performing the reconfiguration of the home-node desktop email manager requested in the reconfiguration message;

whereby a first type email message received at the home node from the communication network is automatically provided a first type of disposition prior to receipt of the reconfiguration message and provided a second type disposition after receipt of the reconfiguration message, email messages being unchanged by dispositions.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving a confirmation message indicating that the requested reconfiguration has been made.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of requesting a desktop email manager configuration status summary.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of receiving the desktop email manager configuration status summary, wherein the step of generating a reconfiguration message is not performed until the desktop email manager configuration status summary is received.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the reconfiguration message is generated in the mobile node.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the mobile node includes an organizer database that may be synchronized with a home-node organizer database over the communication network, and wherein the reconfiguration message is transmitted with the organizer synchronization data.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the mobile node comprises a Web browser, and further comprising the steps of:

requesting a Web page from a Web site on a server via the communication network;

receiving the Web page;

displaying at least a portion of the Web page;

interacting with the displayed portion of the Web page to indicate changes to the home-node desktop email manager; and

transmitting the indicated changes to the server.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the reconfiguration message is generated in the server.

21. – 25. (Cancelled)

26. (New) Apparatus for a home node of a communication network, the home node having a configured desktop email manager capable of automatically effectuating a plurality of different dispositions for different email messages received at the home node, according to how the home-node desktop email manager is configured, said apparatus comprising:

a configuration status summary generator configured to generate a mobile-node-terminated configuration status summary of a current configuration of the email manager responsive to a status summary request; and

a home node reconfiguration message processor configured to effectuate reconfiguration of configuration of the disposition of email messages responsive to reception of a reconfiguration message.

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